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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: SCOTT E. MOORE ET AL.
APPLICATION NO.: 10/090,869
FILED: MARCH 4, 2002
FOR: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
ELECTROCHEMICAL-MECHANICAL
PROCESSING OF MICROELECTRONIC
WORKPIECES**

EXAMINER: LOIS L. ZHENG
ART UNIT: 1742
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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed April 12, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 1-42. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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